

THORN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

Zoning Members Present: Wayne Gniewkowski
Ronald Bonnette
Brad Blain
Ed Corns, Zoning Inspector
Deborah Morgan, Zoning Secretary

Guests Present: Sandy Davis
John Santo
Linda Cook
Clark Cook

Meeting: Date: 10/8/18
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Thorn Township Building

The Thorn Township Zoning Commission meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Wayne Gniewkowski, filling in for Chairman Joe Blaine, at 6:00 p.m. with all members present except Mark Huggins and Joe Blaine.

The September 2018 regular Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes were distributed, after review Brad Blain made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Ron Bonnette. The motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.

The guests in attendance stated that they came to this meeting due to them hearing that there was fence regulations being discussed. The guests voiced their opinion on why the board would even waste their time on adding any more regulations to the already existing zoning regulations. Co-Chairman Gniewkowski explained the particular fence situation that has brought this subject before the board for discussion. Guest Sandy Davis believes that it is a good idea to having common sense fence regulations and discussion was held on why she feels zoning is good. Mrs. Davis also gave some examples of her current and past issues with a zoning issue in her neighborhood. The subject of Port-O-Lets in the township was also discussed. Co-Chairman Gniewkowski explained to the guests that there are zoning board members leaning on both sides of the issue of fence regulations. Board member Ron Bonnette stated that he feels the board should not waste their time on fence regulations. Discussion was held on rather the board should continue this discussion to another meeting where all members were present. Mr. Bonnette felt they should move forward now on deciding if there should be continued discussion on fencing regulations or if the subject should be dropped. Board member Brad Blain stated that he felt they should not accept or deny anything at this meeting. Continued discussion was held on this issue. After this continued discussion Co-Chairman Gniewkowski explained to the guests present the process and timeline on any proposed fence regulations and how it moves through the zoning process. Board member Brad Blain made a motion to table the fence discussions till the zoning board has a full quorum for discussion, Wayne Gniewkowski seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion passed by a majority of members present.

Brief discussion was held on residents who own multiple contiguous lots and the ability to combine or build across the multiple lots.

The agenda for the next regular zoning meeting will be: Fence regulation discussion and open items for discussion. After no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.